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School Librarians & Change

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  The Mission Of Librarians Is To Improve Society Through Facilitating Knowledge Creation In Their Communities
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Strong school libraries build strong students (2013)
This resource compiles key points and quotations from numerous other sources that address the link between student achievement and school libraries.

http://www.aia.org/aasl/sites/aia.org.aasl/files/content/aaslissues/advocacy/AASL_infographic.png

Libraries tell our story (2012)
This multi-paragraph blog post addresses how struggling school libraries—with barren shelves and/or no librarians—provide tangible evidence of the budget crises within public schools. The blog post argues that students are shortchanged when they do not have access to fully-operational school libraries and the expertise provided by school librarians.


School librarian staffing levels and student achievement as represented in 2005-2009 Kansas Annual Yearly Progress data (2012)
This article discusses a three-year study performed on Kansas public schools to determine the effect of library media specialist staffing levels on student proficiency. The study found that schools with higher and more stable staffing levels generally had higher proficiency rates.

http://eric.ed.gov/?id=EJ994364

Full-time school librarians linked to higher student reading scores (2012)
This document summarizes findings by the Library Research Service on the impact of school librarians on Colorado students’ CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) scores from 2005 to 2011. In schools with at least one full-time equivalent endorsed librarian, students averaged “significantly higher” CSAP reading scores.


Want better reading scores? Hire a full-time librarian (2012)
This article briefly addresses findings by the Library Research Service that 45 percent of students in grades three through ten increased their CSAP test scores over the course of a year, compared with just 29 percent of students who did not have a school librarian at their school. The resource also asserts that library aides and volunteers cannot substitute for school librarians, since they likely do not possess the time or the requisite skills for the role.

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A Learning-Based Library Program

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- Participation is About Co-Ownership
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• Constructivism/Constructivism
• Dewey (John that is)
• Critical Thinking
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- If You Don't Want To Produce Worker Bees, Then Don't Be A Worker Bee

- If You Want To Produce The Exceptional Be Exceptional!
Change Doesn’t Stop with Our Students

• We Are NOT Consumers
• We Are NOT Clerks
• We Are NOT At the Mercy of Publishers or Test Preparers
• We ARE NOT VICTIMS!
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